

THAT WHICH IS CLAIMED:

1. A mobile computing device comprising:
  - a first housing;
  - 5 computing circuitry within the first housing;
  - a display that is configured to visually display information from the computing circuitry to a user, wherein the display is at least partially disposed within the first housing;
  - a second housing that is rotationally coupled to the first housing;
  - 10 a first user interface device that is at least partially disposed within the second housing; and
  - a second user interface device that is at least partially disposed within the second housing, and wherein the second housing is configured to be rotated relative to the first housing between a closed position in which the first and second
  - 15 user interface devices are at least partially covered by the first housing and a deployed position in which the first and second user interface devices are at least partially uncovered on opposite lateral sides of the first housing.
2. The mobile computing device of Claim 1, wherein the first housing
- 20 is configured to cover an entire front surface of at least one of the first and second user interface devices in the closed position.
3. The mobile computing device of Claim 2, wherein at least one of the first and second user interface devices are completely uncovered when the
- 25 second housing is rotated to the deployed position.
4. The mobile computing device of Claim 1, wherein at least one of the first and second user interface devices is a speaker that is configured to output audio signals from the computing circuitry.
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5. The mobile computing device of Claim 1, wherein at least one of the first and second user interface devices is a user input device that is configured to provide user input data to the computing circuitry.

6. The mobile computing device of Claim 5, wherein the user input device is a keyboard.

7. The mobile computing device of Claim 5, wherein the user input  
5 device is a touch sensitive pad.

8. The mobile computing device of Claim 1, wherein at least one of the first and second user interface devices is a speaker that is enabled in the deployed position and disabled in the closed position.

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9. The mobile computing device of Claim 1, wherein at least one of the first and second user interface devices is a user input device that is enabled in the deployed position and is disabled in the closed position.

10. The mobile computing device of Claim 1, wherein the computing circuitry is configured to format information from at least one of the first and second user interface devices according to a wireless communication protocol for transmission to a remote communications device.

11. The mobile computing device of Claim 10, wherein the display is configured to display information from the computing circuitry for establishing a wireless connection with a remote wireless communications device.

12. The mobile computing device of Claim 10, wherein the computing  
25 circuitry is further configured to operate in a wireless communication mode and a game mode, and is further configured to switch between the wireless communication mode and the game mode based on rotation of the first housing relative to the second housing.

13. The mobile computing device of Claim 10, wherein the computing  
30 circuitry is further configured to operate in a voice communication mode and an internet communication mode, and is further configured to switch between the voice communication mode and the internet communication mode based on rotation of the first housing relative to the second housing.

14. The mobile computing device of Claim 10, wherein the computing circuitry is further configured to operate in a voice communication mode and an internet mode, and is further configured to switch between the voice  
5 communication mode and the internet mode based on rotation of the first housing relative to the second housing.

15. The mobile computing device of Claim 10, further comprising a speaker in the first housing, and wherein at least one of the first and second user  
10 interface devices in the second housing is a speaker, and wherein the computing circuitry is further configured to operate in a voice communication mode and a music mode in which music data from a wireless communication interface with a remote wireless communications device is selectively provided to the speaker in the first housing when the second housing is in the closed position and to provide  
15 the decoded music data to the speaker in the second housing when the second housing is in the deployed position.

16. The mobile computing device of Claim 1, wherein at least one of the first and second user interface devices is releaseably connected to the second  
20 housing.

17. A mobile computing device comprising:  
a first housing;  
computing circuitry within the first housing;  
25 a display that is configured to visually display information from the computing circuitry to a user, wherein the display is at least partially disposed within the first housing;  
a second housing that is rotationally coupled to the first housing;  
a first user interface device that is at least partially disposed within the  
30 second housing; and  
a second user interface device that is at least partially disposed within the second housing, wherein the second housing is configured to be rotated relative to the first housing between a closed position and a deployed position, and wherein at least one of the first and second user interface devices is enabled when the

second housing is in the deployed position and is disabled when the second housing is in the closed position.

18. A mobile computing device comprising:

5 a first housing;  
computing circuitry within the first housing and configured to operate in a first mode and an alternative second mode;

a display that is configured to visually display information from the computing circuitry to a user, wherein the display is at least partially disposed  
10 within the first housing;

a second housing that is rotationally coupled to the first housing;

a first user interface device that is at least partially disposed within the second housing; and

a second user interface device that is at least partially disposed within the  
15 second housing, and wherein the second housing is configured to be rotated relative to the first housing between a closed position and a deployed position, and wherein the computing circuitry operates in the first mode when the second housing is in the deployed position and operates in the second mode when the second housing is in the closed position.